

Is God Fair?

I. Can God be unrighteous? - (14)

A. Consider God with Moses - (15-16)

1. Moses request of the Lord - Exodus 33:12-13
2. God's answer to Moses request - Exodus 33:19
3. It has nothing to do with who Moses is or what Moses has done!

B. Consider God with Pharaoh - (17-18)

1. God had chosen Pharaoh to be the object of His wrath
 - a. God would demonstrate His power
 - b. God's name would be declared throughout all the earth.
2. The purpose of Pharaoh
 - a. God raised him up – He became the most powerful man in the world by God's purpose - 1 Chronicles 29:11-12
 - b. God also hardened his heart
 - c. God is God and it is His choice to choose – (18)

II. If God's in charge how can He find fault - (19)

A. Who is the Creator? - (20)

1. God is God and we are not!
2. What should be our response? - (20b)
3. God has never asked you for your input on His design
4. God's plan for your life is based on His "foreknowledge"

B. Potter illustration - (21)

1. The potter makes the decision about the use of the clay.
2. He has pre-determined how the vessel He is making is going to be used.

C. Vessels of wrath - (22)

1. God needs the world to see that He is a God of wrath and power.
2. He will make His power known on the "vessels of wrath"
3. He "endured with much longsuffering"

D. Vessels of mercy - (23-24)

1. God in His foreknowledge knew those who would accept the gift of salvation
2. This concept was so radical to what the Jews believed - (24)
3. God has provided salvation to ALL!